



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Warm Weather

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures for the week ending October 17 ranged from 2 degrees below average to six degrees above normal for the state. Every district reported precipitation. Major agricultural activities included seeding winter wheat, fall tillage, cutting alfalfa, and harvesting potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 5% very short, 22% short, 72% adequate, and 1% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

The Jerome County Extension reported two nights of freezing temperatures but crops still look to be in good shape. Franklin County reports that favorable weather is helping harvests to progress nicely. The Nez Perce County extension reports that winter wheat planting is behind because of the late harvest. Onion harvest is 95 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, alfalfa fourth cutting is at 76 percent complete. The Franklin County extension educator reported that livestock are in good condition.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2010	2009	Avg.
Dry Beans Harvested	94	100	100
Onions Harvested	95	100	96
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	5	10	25
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	77	95	93
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	76	72	88

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	14	39	45	1
Irr. Water Supply	1	4	18	68	9
Winter Wheat	0	2	23	66	9

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg	2010	2009	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	79	81	82	88	75	90	85	81	81	97	92	92	87	84	86
Emerged	39	35	20	77	50	69	60	35	44	78	64	63	58	46	42
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	99	85	89	83	86	87	81	86	88	83
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	18	20	19	40	45	34	47	41	38	38	40	32

Avg (2005 – 2009); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 17, 2010 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	68	32	49	-2	0.18	-0.14	13.77	1.61	3744	1910	-270
Grangeville	70	30	49	2	0.98	0.56	18.61	2.19	3588	1809	189
Lewiston	72	37	54	2	0.08	-0.13	8.88	1.39	5059	2967	83
Porthill	64	25	45	1	0.55	0.27	21.97	11.17	3245	1506	-150
Winchester	72	27	47	2	0.16	-0.26	16.27	0.63	2846	1241	138
Southwest											
Boise	81	32	55	4	0.05	-0.09	7.96	1.62	4563	2588	-163
Emmett	77	33	54	4	0.27	0.11	6.64	0.34	4465	2546	-86
Glenns Ferry	80	31	55	3	0.04	-0.10	6.55	1.69	4504	2612	-45
Grandview	80	27	54	2	0.06	-0.01	3.75	-0.42	4542	2579	-346
Nampa	74	34	54	2	0.11	-0.03	5.33	-0.14	4474	2510	-244
Parma	74	32	54	5	0.09	-0.05	3.88	-2.08	4656	2657	94
South Central											
Fairfield	72	21	48	2	0.00	-0.14	6.27	-0.73	2669	1104	-370
Malta	77	20	49	0	0.04	-0.10	6.89	-0.73	3558	1818	-230
Picabo	72	24	51	6	0.00	-0.14	5.80	-0.70	3389	1724	123
Rupert	75	28	51	4	0.09	-0.05	7.48	1.89	3654	1895	-206
Twin Falls	76	32	53	5	0.07	-0.07	4.67	-1.04	3902	2094	88
East											
Aberdeen	72	27	50	5	0.01	-0.14	4.55	-1.42	3537	1803	51
Ashton	66	28	47	4	0.07	-0.21	8.76	-2.75	2805	1219	-127
Fort Hall	75	26	50	4	0.00	-0.21	6.10	-1.66	3582	1834	-161
Idaho Falls	72	28	51	5	0.00	-0.14	6.84	-0.19	3694	1942	86
Lava Hot Springs	71	30	49	2	0.03	-0.18	9.79	2.03	3521	1813	-182
Monteview	67	25	47	3	0.00	-0.12	5.36	-1.21	3064	1411	-330
Preston	72	31	52	4	0.00	-0.21	7.96	-1.41	3876	2108	8
Rexburg	69	23	47	3	0.02	-0.18	6.21	-2.42	3015	1345	-95

^{1/} Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.